Purpose
Denver UMC
Safe Sanctuary Training
This Completes the Training!

Our congregation's purpose for establishing this Child and Youth Abuse Prevention Policy and accompanying procedures is to demonstrate our absolute and unwavering commitment to the physical safety and spiritual growth of all our children and youth.

Please complete the online quiz found on the web page to successfully complete your safe sanctuary training. You must also submit the form allowing a background check to complete certification. Your background check must be updated every 4 years, and your Safe Sanctuary quiz must be updated every year.

First Aid & Defibrillator
Two Adults

First Aid Kits are available in areas throughout the campus including the Harbor Kids hallway, FLC kitchen, and WAB workroom.

Defibrillators are located in the Harbor Kids hallway, FLC foyer, Sanctuary narthex, WAB 2nd floor hallway, and in the CORC. There is also a mobile defibrillator located in the Library hallway that can be used for events outside the main church buildings.

Two (unrelated) adults must be in the room or vehicle at all times. No child or youth should be alone with one adult at any time. Adults working as leaders for children or youth must be an active church member for at least six months.

Because our Children & Youth are precious and once is once too many.

Room Visibility

Every room that is used for activities and teaching of children and youth should have a window in the door, or a half door, that gives visibility to all areas of that room. The window must be left uncovered. If there is no window, the door must be left open at all times.

Age Limits
Transportation

Staff and volunteers should be at least 5 years older than the oldest child/youth being supervised. No one under the age of 18 should be given supervisory capacity.

No youth may drive to any off-site church-sponsored event or transport others.

Floaters

In the event where there are not two adults in the classroom, you must have a roving floater or monitor during the meeting or teaching time, the window must be unobstructed, or the door must be left open.

First Aid & CPR
Advance Notice

Parents should always be kept abreast of the programs their children or youth are involved in and be given advance notice and information regarding any activity which deviates from the traditional programming offered at the church facility.

The church offers basic First Aid & CPR training on a regular basis. It is highly preferred that an adult be present with both First Aid & CPR training at all children and/or youth functions.

Why Safe Sanctuaries?

The General Conference of the United Methodist church, in April 1996, adopted a resolution aimed at reducing the risk of child sexual abuse in the church. Thus, in covenant with all United Methodist Congregations, we adopt this policy for the prevention of child and youth abuse in our church. These procedures and other suggestions are discussed in detail in "Safe Sanctuaries" by Joy Melton.

Safe Sanctuary Rules
Equipment & Supervision
Permission Forms

The following rules are in force to adhere to Safe Sanctuary Policies and must be agreed to by anyone working or volunteering with our children or youth.

Permission Forms with medical information should accompany children and/or youth for any activity involving travel or extreme sports activities.

Appropriate equipment and supervision are required while recreation and/or playground equipment is used. Visual contact by two adults is mandatory at all times.

Pay attention - there is a quiz!